

**Rose Township Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
MINUTES
July 29, 2026**

Location: Old Township Hall, 204 Franklin St, Holly MI 48442

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Stilwell called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT – Stilwell, Miller, Jobes, Bourdeau, Maher

ABSENT - None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Bourdeau to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Trustee Maher. A voice vote was taken. All present voted yes. The motion was carried 4/0.

Trustee Bourdeau presented an overview of the speakers and topics. Supervisor Stilwell's remarks addressed the Township's concerns for the safety of residents and their quality of life.

The following topics were addressed:

Roads and Safety: the Oakland County Road Commission declined to attend because they have not received an application for use of the roads. Trustee Bourdeau obtained this information in a phone conversation with the Road Commission:

- An application of this nature can take longer to evaluate – traffic impact and an evaluation of the types of improvements needed to sustain the trucks
- Evaluating safety – the application is evaluated by Traffic Safety, Highway Maintenance, and Engineering

Natural Beauty Road: Trustee Bourdeau introduced the Natural Beauty Roads Act. The act has provisions to prevent widening of roads and protects natural plant species in the right-of-way.

Public Act 33 Hidden Hazard Rule

HB4597 – giving local authority more control over speed

PRESENTATION – Kara Okonewski, OKO Environmental, LLC

Key points – objectivity and adequate information are needed; all data and information must be site-specific

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Q. How long does it take to approve an application for the designation of Natural Beauty Road?

A. Trustee Bourdeau prepared a petition that she has with her. It requires 25 signatures from residents on Milford Road. She will get the attorney's review and present it to the Board of Trustees at their Monday morning meeting. A resident asked the impact of this designation on driveways and adding new driveways if this designation is approved.

Q. Can empty trucks use any route to return to the proposed mining site?

A. Supervisor Stilwell read the wording from a sign posted at the exit of the mining site in Highland Township stating that all trucks (loaded and empty) must use the designated route unless making a local delivery.

Q. If road improvements are needed, who pays for them?

A. The Road Commission requires Levy to pay for improvements.

Q. Have there been impact studies on historic homes along the proposed route?

A. Rose Township has not done studies on the impact on historic properties along the proposed route.

Q. What is the impact if the underground aquifer is punctured?

A. The only way to determine impact on the underground aquifer is to do the work – well testing, proper sensors, etc. To understand the impact on the water, you need to dig.

Q. What about water wells in the area?

A. They must identify, locate, and test water wells in ¼ mile radius to have a baseline reference.

PROPERTY VALUES

A resident requested that Rose Township conduct a study of the impact on property values.

The Rose Township Assessor stated that Oakland County does a study of real estate sales every year. This data influences assessments.

A resident noted that there is a difference between assessment and appraisal.

Comments from residents:

- Suggestion to look at mining operations in other localities, the historical impact from other sites
- A resident offered the name of an appraiser who might be engaged to do a study
- The boundaries in the special land use application include property in Rose Township; therefore, they [Levy] might owe Rose Township an application
- Research revealed that Rose Township has no ordinance for mining operations

ADJOURNMENT – Supervisor Stilwell adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Submitted by: Diane Hill, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary